

BREWERS' HOTEL USED TO LURE PRESBYTERIANS

Assembly After Voting for Dallas in 1917 Learns Sad Fact
ITS NAME KEPT SECRET

Palatial Hostelry, Which Can House Convention, Built by Adolphus Busch

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ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 26.—When Dallas today won from St. Louis the privilege of entertaining the 1917 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Chief Organizer A. C. Bigger didn't tell quite all he knew.

Mr. Bigger's chief argument, the one that probably did more than any other to cause the assembly to override the Assembly Committee and declare for Dallas, was an emphatic declaration that his town had a hotel, so big, so fine, that it could house all the delegates, and entertain them magnificently in its auditorium which seats 1000.

And now for the denouement.
That great fine hotel, which Mr. Bigger didn't name, is known as the Adolphus, and the man who built it was Adolphus Busch, the late millionaire brewer of St. Louis.

The assembly only last night went on record as favoring in the future the visiting only of temperance cities, and if that couldn't be done, to have the delegates "put up" at strictly temperance hotels.

The Adolphus, in Dallas, is still owned and operated by the Busch estate, and the Anheuser-Busch Brewery products are there sold.

The news of what the General Assembly has voted itself into hasn't circulated very far as yet within the membership of the convention. But one man who heard it remarked, rather cynically, when you consider the situation, "Well, St. Louis lost out, but still St. Louis money is in the running."

Mr. Bigger, who led the attack on the committee's recommendation of St. Louis as the next convention city, that finally won for Dallas, said of the Adolphus, which he didn't name:

"It is such a fine hotel, so well fitted for the purposes of this assembly, that nearly the whole of Dallas could be wiped away by a catastrophe, and if only the hotel was left standing, the needs of the assembly could be served."

The decision was made today, after invitations from Atlantic City, Columbus, O., St. Louis and Saratoga Springs had been considered.

It was the first time since the assembly convened 10 days ago that the delegates overrode the program prepared for them. The committee, including Governor Marquis, strongly recommended St. Louis, saying it would cost \$28,000 more to hold the convention in Dallas.

The vote for Dallas was 365; for St. Louis, 259.

Choosing Dallas was a tremendous lot of fun for the commissioners. St. Louis was the only serious contender and that city's claim was made by the Rev. W. R. King, of St. Louis. Dallas had business men put forward her claim. And how they did it! Their southwestern grim determination and one joke told by a San Antonio minister won the assembly.

Every time the moderator tried to close the discussion with a committee plea for St. Louis another Dallas man would bob up with an argument. The Dallas men were in no wise daunted, but they certainly could argue. The delegates didn't mind the extra \$28,000 that will have to be spent to go to Texas, not after the entertainment they got in listening to the Dallas pleaders.

PROFESSOR A PLEADER

Prof. A. C. Bigger was one of them; H. C. Sherrard, of Pittsburgh, was another; and the Rev. Dr. James M. Todd, of San Antonio, a third. There were countless others who tried, but never got a chance to speak. Doctor Todd, an educator from Texas, forgot once that he was speaking for Dallas and started talking about San Antonio. That lapse and his joke must have gained 10 votes alone for Texas.

Moderator Marquis couldn't determine the result by the usual yea and nay vote and had to take a count. He was plainly surprised, and so was the stated clerk, Dr. William H. Roberts, of Philadelphia, that the committee's recommendations had been overruled. They had counted St. Louis as selected and had made all arrangements accordingly, even to the naming of sub-committees.

The Presbyterian Church has never gone on record about equal suffrage, and it is being faced with the necessity of declaring itself right now. How the leaders can dodge it, they don't know. They do know pretty surely that they can't dodge it at all.

The Rev. Walter E. Spoons, the author of the resolution which will bring the suffrage question before the General Assembly, has linked it so cleverly with the prohibition question that the anti-suffragists are in a panic. He comes from Jacksonville, Ill., and the resolution which he is going to jam down the throats of the Presbyterian organization, which has been assembling the assembly, or make them reject it, is as follows:

"Whereas, Believing that Christian wives and mothers should be given an equal right to assist in the great fight against the liquor traffic;
"Whereas, That in every State where the women had a chance to vote on the saloon question, the number of saloons has greatly decreased;
"Be it resolved, therefore, that we, the commissioners to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, place ourselves on record as believing in the justice and righteousness of giving women the right of equal suffrage."

Suffrage has been a moot topic too long to permit of any ignorance on the part of any considerable number of the commissioners, and no committee will be able to persuade the body of 900 men that it must do as advised.

There will be debate, plenty of it, and with fire. The anti-suffragists will have their pleaders, and the conservatives have remarkably able men. But there are many young men from the Middle and Far West in the assembly who won't be talked down when the topic is something they know about, and suffrage is where they come in.

To say what the result will be is too much like guesswork to count. An effort to line up opinion before the Assembly convened today found most replies guarded. Every body wanted to see "what would happen next."

The biggest point in favor of the passage of the resolution is its phrasing. When it comes down to the liquor question, there isn't a clerical or lay delegate here who won't endorse prohibition.

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FRANKFORD SYMPHONY CLOSURES

Hedda van den Beemt Praised on Successful Concert

The Frankford Symphony Society closed its eighth season last night with a successful concert in the auditorium of the Frankford High School before a record crowd. Hedda van den Beemt, the orchestra leader, received an ovation and many Frankford residents expressed themselves as delighted with the program.

The opening number was Nicolai's overture to the "Merry Wives of Windsor." The symphony was Haydn's second in D major. Among the numbers which proved more than popular were Mr. Van den Beemt's arrangement for orchestra of "To a Wild Rose," Edward Macdowell's song and two selections from Bizet. The program closed with selections from "Lohengrin." The soloist of the evening was Ada L. Woerthe, soprano, who sang selections from "Der Freischutz," "The Star" by Rogers, and from Becker's "Springtide." Her numbers were well received.

RELIEF FUND RETURNED

Samoa Islanders No Longer Need Aid, Says Governor

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Captain J. M. Poyer, U. S. N., Governor of American Samoa, has returned to the American Red Cross \$78 of the \$200 contributed last year for the relief of 2000 natives of the island group, owned by the United States, whose homes, crops and fishing facilities were destroyed by a hurricane.

Governor Poyer said in his letter to the Red Cross that he had still an unexpended balance from a Congressional appropriation of \$10,000. The people of the stricken islands, says Governor Poyer, now are able to take care of themselves.

NATIONAL PARK PROGRAM

Elaborate Exercises Have Been Arranged for Memorial Day

NATIONAL PARK, N. J., May 26.—Memorial exercises here will be held at Fort Mercer, the exercises starting with a parade at 9 o'clock in the morning. Addresses will be made by Congressman Browning, of Camden; Congressman Moore, of Philadelphia, and Senator Edge, of Atlantic City.

The exercises will include Boy Scout activities, launching of a flower boat, a baseball game between Camp Fire Girls and Boy Scouts, a drill by Battery B, National Guard, of Camden; baseball between Red Men teams, scout athletics, land and river races, motorboat review and hydroplane fight.

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NEW PRESBYTERIAN EDUCATION BOARD OFFICES TO BE CHOSEN BY COMMITTEE

ATLANTIC CITY, May 26.—The location of the offices of the newly created General Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church, made by merging of the Board of Education, headquarters Philadelphia, and College Board, in New York, has been left to the newly elected committee of ministers and laymen elected this morning. The men have charge of the work of the new board. The committee was unanimously elected as follows:

One year, ministers—Lewis W. Smudge, Harrisburg, Pa.; Charles Lee Richardson, New Jersey; Ira W. Allen, Paris, Ill.; Stephen S. Esley, Topeka, Kan.; George E. Davis, Salt Lake, Utah.

Two years, elders—Dr. Edward B. Dodge, Philadelphia; S. Spencer Chapman, Philadelphia; John H. Finley, Albany; Judge Loomis, Omaha, Neb.; James R. Martin, Des Moines, Ia.; Archer C. Sinclair, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Two years, ministers—Robert B. Beattie, East Orange, N. J.; William H. Hudmuth, Youngstown, O.; John A. McKintosh, Illinois; N. Y. H. B. Master, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Harry N. Wilson, St. Paul, Minn.; William B. Gantz, Detroit.

Two years, elders—Frank B. McMillan, Mt. Gleed, O.; W. Holmes Forsyth, Chicago; Charles E. Hoge, Frankfort, Ky.; Harry H. Seldomridge, Colorado Springs; Sydney F. Andrews, St. Louis; C. I. Crawford, Huron, S. D.

Three years, ministers—William L. McEwan, Pittsburgh; Alfred H. Barr, Baltimore; Charles H. Wishart, Chicago; John H. Boyd, Portland, Ore.; Rufus Tufts, Boston; George E. Hunt, Madison, Wis.

Three years, elders—Thomas W. Synnott, Wenonah, N. J.; H. B. E. McFarland, Washington, Post, Columbia, Md.; James H. Post, Brooklyn; Amos P. Musselmann, Grand Rapids, Mich.; A. C. Bigger, Dallas, Tex.

PLEA FOR NEGROES LOST

Commissioners this morning continued discussion at breakfast table of the treatment of the negro question, which is the "hottest" session of the entire 128th General Assembly. With one swoop, the "steamroller" crushed an overture from the Philadelphia Presbytery, asking it to rescind the action of the 1915 assembly, putting the colored Presbyterians of the North under the Freedman board, instead of the home board, adopted a strong recommendation that all pastors and church officers abstain from the use of tobacco, and also recommended that preference for future assemblies be given to cities which can supply temperance hotels for commissioners. The latter motion also suggested in case there were not enough temperance hotels that all bars be closed in hotels in which commissioners are assigned.

The Rev. Dr. Mathew Anderson, pastor of the Berean Presbyterian Church, South College avenue and 20th street, Philadelphia, and principal of the Berean Manual Training and Industrial School, made a plea that the colored man of the North be placed under the Home Mission Board. He declared the use of the term "Freedman" as a slur on the colored people, and "violating one of the most fundamental principles of its profession, namely, the parity of the ministry and the equality of all men in Christ Jesus."

For six days, Doctor Anderson, who was graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary and has been in the ministry for 38 years, had sat on the front seat of the Assembly and a half dozen times had attempted to make his speech. Each time he had been told he was out of order. Last night was the first time he had been able to get a hearing. Then after much advice on the part of the committee and much cutting down of speeches, attempted by the colored members of the Assembly, the commissioners voted to sustain the action of the 1915 Assembly and keep the colored men of the North under the Freedman Board.

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GARY FOR PROTECTIVE TARIFF, DEFENSE AND BUSINESS REGULATION

U. S. Steel Head Says First Essential of Public Welfare Is in Economic Conditions

HIS VOICE AGAINST WAR

NEW YORK, May 26.—Public opinion demands a protective tariff, adequate preparedness and unbiased regulation of business, as well as of labor, in the opinion of Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, who today addressed the annual meeting of the American Iron and Steel Institute. He declared business conditions were good. The address itself was on "Public Sentiment."

"Public sentiment," the steel king asserted, "is not always right and reasonable; it may be wrong, temporarily at least, as determined by subsequent events. It is usually cyclical, but rather steam-rolleric. We may properly use our influence to change or modify it when we believe it is based on lack of knowledge or reason, and therefore wrong in principle."

VOICE OF DEMAGOGUE A PERIL.
"The first and fundamental essential to the welfare and happiness of the people is the economic conditions. They have listened to the speeches of the demagogue; they have witnessed the attacks on legitimate business; they have seen it investigated by unscrupulous or incompetent men; they have seen it hampered and hindered at times almost paralyzed and they have heard it and those who conducted it misrepresented and sometimes abused and they have become disgusted."

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WIFE HOLDING ROPE STOPS TO TALK, SO "RUBBY" DROPS

Husband Fixing Dumbwaiter on Seventh Floor When She Lets Go

NEW YORK, May 26.—Mrs. Patrick Noland is one of those vivacious conversationalists who emphasize each and every remark with an appropriate gesture. Her husband, the superintendent of an apartment house at 121 St. Nicholas avenue, evidently forgot this when he sent her to the basement last night to hold the rope of the dumbwaiter while he clambered into it, on the seventh floor to repair its mechanism.

All was going well until Noland shouted a warning to hold tight or he would fall. Mrs. Noland let go in order properly to answer the warning. When Noland recovered consciousness, he was in a cot at St. Lawrence Hospital, nursing two broken ribs and a twisted arm.

English Leather Inferior This Year

LONDON, May 26.—British shoe leather has this year been found wanting in its traditional good quality. Dealers declare the reason for this is that, owing to the war, the supply of chestnut bark from France and Valonia across cups from Turkey has been cut off and tanners have been compelled to use inferior tanning materials.

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